

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Industries Department - Allegation of corruption of "demand and acceptance of bribe by Sri Ravela Peda Veerabhadra Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, District Industries Centre, Guntur - Trapped on 12.07.2011 - Sanction for Prosecution - Accorded - Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.69.

Dated:27.03.2014

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Ravela Peda Veerabhadra Rao S/o Prakasa Rao worked as Junior Assistant, District Industries Centre, Guntur from 18.08.2006 to 12.07.2011 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a public servant as defined under clause (c) of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, Sri Vurubandi Acharya Lenin S/o Ravindranath is a Resident of D.No.26-39-70, 7th Lane, A.T, Aggaharam, Guntur;

3. And whereas, it is alleged that Sri Vurubandi Acharya Lenin decided to start a Fly Ash Bricks Industry in the name and style of Triple 'L' Fly Ash Brick Industry in the name of his wife Smt.Vurubandi Lavanya. On 21.07.2010 Sri Vurubandi Acharya Lenin along with his wife went to the District Industries Centre, Guntur and submitted application under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme Scheme. Later he received a Letter No.DIC: GNT/0277/G/2010-11, dated 25.11.2010 from District Industries Centre, Guntur informing that the application was approved under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme Scheme in the meeting held with the Collector, Guntur and Sri Acharya Lenin should deposit Rs.50,000/- in the bank as share of capital money and loan of Rs.9,50,000/- is sanctioned by the State Bank of India, Sangadigunta Branch. On 16.03.2011 the wife of Sri Acharya Lenin deposited Rs.50,000/- in the bank towards her share of capital money. On 18.03.2011 the District Industries Centre, Guntur issued Pollution and No Objection Certificates. On 21.06.2011 the Industrial Promotion Officer, Industries Department inspected the unit and submitted a report to the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Guntur in which he recommended for the release of Rs.3,50,000/- towards subsidy money to the industry. From 20.06.2011 to 02.07.2011 the authorities of District Industries Centre, Guntur gave training under Entrepreneur Development Programme to the wife of Sri Acharya Lenin in Guntur and gave a certificate to that effect. On 21.06.2011 Sri Vurubandi Acharya Lenin submitted application with necessary enclosures to Sri Ravela Peda Veerabhadra Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, District Industries Centre, Guntur to prepare a note to sanction subsidy amount of Rs.3,50,000/-. On 05.07.2011 morning Sri Acharya Lenin went to the District Industries Centre, Guntur and met Sri Ravela Peda Veerabhadra Rao in his office and asked about his file, for which Sri Peda Veerabhadra Rao demanded 10% i.e., Rs.35,000/- as bribe to process the file and to send to the General Manager, other wise he informed that he would not process the file of Sri Acharya Lenin. Then Sri Acharya Lenin pleaded his inability to pay such huge amount, Sri R.P.Veerabhadra Rao reduced the same to Rs.10,000/-. As there was no other go, Sri Vurubandi Acharya Lenin unwillingly agreed to pay the demanded bribe amount and informed that he would come within two days and went away. On 11.07.2011 at 10.00a.m Sri Acharya Lenin proceeded the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau office and lodged a report against Sri R.P.Veerabhadra Rao and requested to take necessary action against him. The Deputy Superintendent of Police got verified the contents of the complaint through the District Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range, Guntur. After receipt of the verification report, the Deputy Superintendent of Police registered a case in Cr.No.17/RCT-ACB-VJA/2011 u/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 12.07.2011 at 9.00 am after obtaining permission from the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad;

4. And whereas, after completion of proceedings drafted under a cover of Mediators Report-1, the Deputy Superintendent of Police along with Sri Vurubandi Acharya Lenin, mediators, Inspectors and other members of the trap party left the office of the District Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Guntur at 1.00 PM on 12.07.2011 and reached the vicinity of the District Industries Centre, Guntur at 1.30 PM. As per the instructions of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sri Acharya Lenin went straight into the office of Sri Ravela Peda Veerabhadra Rao and met Sri Peda Veerabhadra Rao who was taking lunch with a spoon in his seat. When he wished the Accused Officer, he asked him to wait for

some time and offered seat in front of his table. After completion of lunch Sri Vurubandi Acharya Lenin requested Sri Peda Veerabhadra Rao about the file of his wife. Immediately, Sri Peda Veerabhadra Rao asked him whether he had brought the bribe of Rs.10,000/- as demanded by him. He replied in affirmative. Then Sri Peda Veerabhadra Rao asked him to pay the bribe amount of Rs.10,000/-. Sri Vurubandi Acharya Lenin gave the tainted amount of Rs.10,000/- to Sri Peda Veerabhadra Rao, who had received it with his right hand, counted the same with his both hands and kept underneath the blue colour Mukhmul table cloth covered on his office table at his side of the table. Later Sri Peda Veerabhadra Rao gave him the copy of Lr. No.3585/D/2011, which was marked to his wife Smt. Vurubandi Lavanya and obtained the signature of Sri Acharya Lenin as acknowledgement and as a token of evidence that he received. Then Sri Acharya Lenin came out of the office and gave pre arranged signal. The trap party rushed into the office and the Deputy Superintendent of Police disclosed his identity to Sri Peda Veerabhadra Rao, conducted SC solution tests on both hand fingers of Sri Peda Veerabhadra Rao and proved positive. On questioning of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sri Ravela Peda Veerabhadra Rao pulled out a wad of currency notes, which was kept underneath the table cloth at his side which was covered on his office wooden table and produced the same. As per the instructions of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, one of the mediators took the tainted currency notes and the serial numbers when compared with pre-trap proceedings found tallied. The Deputy Superintendent of Police got conducted chemical test on the surface of the table and on the portion of the table cloth which came into contact with the tainted amount and the same yielded positive result. The Deputy Superintendent of Police seized the tainted amount of Rs.10,000/-, resultant solutions, Blue colour 'Mukmul' table cloth of Sri Vurubandi Acharya Lenin table and connected records etc., for the purpose of further investigation;

5. And whereas, the said acts of Sri R.P.Veerabhadra Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, office of the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Guntur constitute offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988;

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being competent authority to remove Sri R.P.Veerabhadra Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, District Industries Centre, Guntur from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. Final Report, F.I.R, Mediator names, Gist of statement of witnesses etc.,) placed before Government in respect of the afore said acts and having regard to the circumstances of the case consider that Sri R.P.Veerabhadra Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, District Industries Centre, Guntur should be prosecuted in the Court of Law for the above said offences;

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri R.P.Veerabhadra Rao, formerly Junior Assistant, District Industries Centre, Guntur for the aforesaid offenses punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offenses punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.PRADEEP CHANDRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &
COMMISSIONER FOR INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION

To
The Director General,
Anti Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER